

## House Resolution 2316

By: Representative Purcell of the 159<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the City of Port Wentworth on being named a Purple Heart City; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, located 11 miles west of Savannah, Georgia, Port Wentworth is a city known  
4 for its patriotism; and

5 WHEREAS, during the Vietnam War era, Port Wentworth's Mayor Preston B. Edwards, a  
6 World War II veteran and Purple Heart recipient, began Stand Up for America, which  
7 included a parade and other Americanism gatherings to build up waning patriotism; and

8 WHEREAS, over the last 38 years, the Stand Up for America program has grown into a  
9 major event that draws visitors to Port Wentworth from across the state; and

10 WHEREAS, today the Stand Up for America event includes a parade, arts and crafts, rides,  
11 food, fireworks, a fishing tournament, and a street dance; and

12 WHEREAS, Port Wentworth is one of just three cities in the United States to become a  
13 Purple Heart City, and the effort was led by Al and Rose Cook; and

14 WHEREAS, the city has plans to build a veterans park with a Purple Heart monument to  
15 serve as the park's focal point; and

16 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding patriotism of this fine  
17 city and its numerous contributions to the veterans of this state be appropriately recognized.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
19 the members of this body commend the City of Port Wentworth on its amazing dedication  
20 and devotion to America and congratulate its residents and officials on the grand honor of  
21 being named a Purple Heart City.

- 22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
23 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the City of Port Wentworth.